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Letter dated 6 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to attach herewith a note verbale addressed to all members of the Security Council, concerning the latest atrocities in the city of Aden brought about by the Houthi militias and elements loyal to former President Saleh (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated to the esteemed members of the Security Council, and as a document of the Council.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations presents its compliments to all members of the Security Council and has the honour to refer to the latest barbaric events in Aden, details of which are set out below:

- More than 50 civilians, including women and children, were killed by Houthi militia strikes on their boats in Altawahi neighbourhood (Aden) as they were trying to flee the fighting. Dozens of dead bodies and injured women and children were rushed to Basohaib military hospital.
- Houthi militias and forces loyal to former President Saleh are targeting anything that moves in the city of Aden, preventing medical teams and volunteers from reaching the injured and killing humanitarian agents, preventing them from fulfilling their duties.
- Sources are confirming that these forces are launching strikes in Aden, using tanks and heavy artillery, on families that are trying to escape the besieged neighbourhood.
- Women and children are facing rape while the youths are being assaulted and homes are being looted.
- This is a war against the innocent people of Aden and similar atrocities are also being committed in other cities, such as Taiz, Lahj, Aldalea, Marib, Hodeidah and Shabwah.

We urge the international community to quickly intervene with land forces to save Yemen, especially Aden and Taiz, and call upon the international human rights organizations to document these barbaric violations against a defenceless population.

President Hadi, Vice-President Bahah, the Government and all Yemenis stress that all those who have committed crimes will not escape punishment and that the Government will employ all means to bring the Houthis and forces loyal to former President Saleh to international justice as war criminals.